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(EXCERPT)

Lowell Thomas at 6:45 P.M. over WTOP (Washington) and the CBS Network:

"On September 29, 1952, General Walter Bedell Smith made a statement that raised quite an uproar. In formal testimony he said then that he was morally certain that communists had infiltrated virtually every security organization of our government, including the top secret CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. At that time, Bedell Smith was head of the C.I.A. That sounds alarming, and he clarified by saying that he didn't know of any red agents actually in the C.I.A., but that communist espionage was clever and it surely tried to infiltrate the chief intelligence department of the United States.

"Well, Bedell Smith was more correct than he ever guessed. A few days previously, September 27, 1952, something had happened in Moscow of which we could hardly have been aware. That something is now disclosed in Australia where a royal commission has just published a series of documents on Red espionage, the Petrov case, the key provided by Vladimir Petrov, who was head of the Russian espionage outfit in Australia, and he deserted communism in 1954, going over to freedom.

"One of these documents was a set of instructions dispatched by Moscow to its own spy chiefs in the free world. The order lists various types of information to be produced. One, as follows, data concerning tasks assigned by American intelligence organizations to their secret sections and agents abroad. Another order saying take measures for the recruitment of valuable agents who have access to enemy intelligence and counter-intelligence organizations.

"The Moscow directive concerning American intelligence was issued two days before General Bedell Smith, chief of American intelligence, gave his testimony in Washington."